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Art Unit: --

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)(2)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant for the above-identified application, which is now entering the U.S. National Stage pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 371, hereby submits legible copies of the following relevant arts along with the Form PTO-1449 which contains the information required by 37 CFR 1.98(b):

- A. Japanese Utility Model Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 62-297677 published in Japan on December 24, 1987;
- B. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-241824 published in Japan on September 7, 2001;
- C. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2001-149773 published in Japan on June 5, 2001;
- D. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 6-257924 published in Japan on September 16, 1994;
- E. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 7-155154 published in Japan on June 20, 1995;
- F. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2000-157159 published in

Japan on June 13, 2000;

G. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 2002-34531 published in Japan on February 5, 2002;

H. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 6-257924 published in Japan on September 16, 1994; and

I. Japanese Utility Model Application Publication (Kokobu) No. 7-69105 published in Japan on July 26, 1995.

The above-listed prior art A-C are cited in the International Search Report issued by Japanese Patent Office to the above-identified International Application. Though these prior art A-C cited in the Search Report are not in the English language, the Search Report (a copy thereof enclosed) is written in English and the degree of relevance is indicated therein by way of the markings of Xs and As along with the explanation of such markings. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) for each of these non-English language prior art is satisfied, and an English concise explanation thereof is omitted herein. Nonetheless, an English language abstract is attached to each one of these non-English prior art except prior art A.

The English translation of the above-listed relevant art D-G is not available at this time to the undersigned, and such a translation is not attached hereto. Though prior art D-G are not in the English language, the concise explanation of relevance of these prior art is incorporated in the Nonethless, an English language abstract of each prior art D-G is attached to the copy thereof.

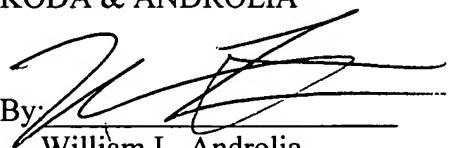
As to prior art H, the English translation of this prior art is not available at this time to the undersigned. However, an English language abstract of prior art H is attached to the copy thereof. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of prior art H is omitted herein.

As to prior art I, the English translation of this prior art is not available at this time to the undersigned. However, a machine translated English translation of prior art I is attached to the copy thereof. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP Section 609, the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance is satisfied, and an English concise explanation of prior art I is omitted herein.

Accordingly, it is hereby respectfully requested that the Patent Office make a record of these relevant art and consider them during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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